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| <b>TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES</b>   |  | <b>ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER</b><br>442-230 PCT/US                        |
| <b>DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)</b>  |  | <b>U.S. APPLICATION NO.</b> # known (see 37 CFR 1.5)<br><b>10/519854</b> |
| <b>CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371</b>   |  |  |
| <b>INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.</b><br>PCT/EP03/07364   | <b>INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE</b><br>July 9, 2003 | <b>PRIORITY DATE</b><br>August 20, 2002                                  |
| <b>TITLE OF INVENTION</b><br>CONNECTION PIECE FOR A FLUID DRIVE  |  |  |
| <b>APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US</b><br>Hans-Jürgen Claus; Klaus Zoller; Hans-Walter Brenner; and Wolf-Dieter Kerscher   |  |  |
| Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:  |  |  |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>FIRST</b> submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>SECOND</b> or <b>SUBSEQUENT</b> submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The US has been elected (Article 31).</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2)) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> has been communicated by the International Bureau.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).</li> </ol> </li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</li> </ol> </li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3)) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> have been communicated by the International Bureau.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made.</li> </ol> </li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(5)).</li> </ol> |  |  |
| <b>Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information</b>   |  |  |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A preliminary amendment.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> An application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 35 U.S.C. 1.821 - 1.825.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information:<br/>Express Mail No. EL561493736US<br/>International Search Report</li> </ol>   |  |  |
| <b>Four (4) Sheets of Formal Drawings</b><br><b>First Page of WO 2004/018922</b>   |  |  |

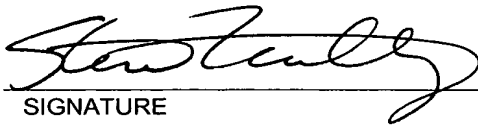
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| 21. The following fees are submitted:  |              |  |            | Applicant use   | Office use only |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> a) Basic national fee . . . . . \$300.00   |              |  |            | \$ 300.00   |                 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> b) Examination fee . . . . . \$200.00  |              |  |            | \$ 200.00   |                 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> c) Search fee . . . . . \$500.00   |              |  |            | \$ 500.00   |                 |
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| CLAIMS   | NUMBER FILED | NUMBER EXTRA   | RATE       |   |                 |
| Total claims   | 17 - 20 =    | 0  | x \$50.00  | \$ 0.00   |                 |
| Independent claims   | 1 - 3 =      | 0  | x \$200.00 | \$ 0.00   |                 |
| Multiple Dependent Claims (if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/>   |              |  | + \$360.00 | \$  |                 |
| <b>TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =</b>   |              |  |            | <b>\$ 1,000.00</b>  |                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by 1/2.   |              |  |            | \$ 0.00   |                 |
| <b>SUBTOTAL =</b>  |              |  |            | <b>\$ 1,000.00</b>  |                 |
| Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f)).  |              |  |            | \$  |                 |
| <b>TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =</b>  |              |  |            | <b>\$ 1,000.00</b>  |                 |
| Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per  |              |  |            | \$ 40.00  |                 |
| <b>TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =</b>   |              |  |            | <b>\$ 1,040.00</b>  |                 |
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| <p><b>NOTE:</b> Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the International Application to pending status.</p>   |              |  |            |   |                 |
| SEND ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO:  |              |  |            |   |                 |
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